

REGULAR MEETING-MANSFIELD TOWN COUNCIL**APRIL 8, 2002**

The regular meeting of the Mansfield Town Council was called to order by Mayor Elizabeth Paterson at 7:35 p.m. in the Council Chamber of the Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building.

I. ROLL CALL

Present: Bellm, Haddad, Hawkins, Holinko, Paterson, Rosen, Schaefer, Stallard

Absent: Thorkelson

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Haddad moved and Mr. Stallard seconded to approve the minutes of March 25, 2002 with one correction alumnus instead of alumni.

So passed unanimously.

Mr. Haddad moved and Mr. Holinko seconded to approve the minutes of the special meeting on March 26, 2001.

So passed unanimously.

Mr. Stallard moved and Mr. Schaefer seconded to approve the minutes of the special meeting on April 1, 2002 as presented.

So passed. Mr. Haddad abstained.

Mr. Schaefer moved and Mr. Rosen seconded to approve the minutes of the special meeting on April 3, 2002 as presented.

So passed. Mr. Stallard and Mr. Hawkins abstained.

III. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

Diane Nadeau, President of the Tri-Town Youth Football and Cheerleading Association, Thornbush Road, addressed the Council regarding Southeast Park. She urged the council to support bathroom facilities, a concession stand and storage area for the Park. See attached letter.

Carolyn Burke, Knowlton Hill Road, representing the Baseball groups in Town, urged the Council to consider Southeast Park improvements of bathroom facilities, concession stand and storage area. They now have over 200 young people in this program.

Brian Ross, Browns Road, urged Council to consider building a facility at Southeast Park. Presently he has much of the football equipment in his garage and he would like to have

it stored at the site. The concession stand would assist in paying the costs of game officials.

Mary Jane Newman, Director of Mansfield Discovery Depot, Ann Tucker, a teacher at the Day Care Center, and Joan Pinney, President of the Board, spoke in support of a pension plan for the employees. Most of the employees have been at the Center for over 10 years and do not have a current pension plan.

IV. PUBLIC HEARING

At 8:02 p.m. the hearing was opened.

1. Proposed Amendment to the Mansfield Code of Ordinances-Building Construction Fees

No comments from the audience.

At 8:03 p.m. hearing closed.

2. Proposed Fiscal Year 2002/03 Budget

Dick Pellegrine, Clover Mill Road, expressed concern over the following items, which he felt the Town Council should review before finalizing the budget:

Look at vehicle replacement schedule, sell older vehicles

\$90,000 Cruiser parking addition

\$15,000 Truck GPS Locator

\$235,000 Transportation Enhancements

\$12,000 Infield Maintenance Vehicle

\$7,500 Turf Sweeper

\$35,000 Library Renovation-Buchanan Center

\$8,000 Telephone System Upgrade

\$50,000 Landscaping Enhancements/Public Buildings

He also stated that he hoped that the Town was receiving its fair share of revenues from the Hotel on the University of Connecticut campus and the apartments on Separatist Road.

He urged that persons be allowed to vote by paper ballot at the Annual Meeting, and that persons be checked for eligibility.

Mr. Kurt Schletter, 19 Boulder Lane, asked the Council to relook at the budget. The raise in the budget is too high. He also requested that there be a paper ballot at the Annual Meeting.

Betty Wassmundt, 54 Old Turnpike Road asked about the cost of debt service and a breakdown of the debt. Mr. Jeffrey Smith, Director of Finance answered her questions. She urged the Council allow paper ballot at the Annual Meeting.

At 8:15 p.m. the hearing was closed.

V. NEW BUSINESS

3. Proposed Amendment to the Mansfield Code of Ordinances-Building construction Fees

Mr. Schaefer moved and Mr. Stallard seconded to amend sections of the Mansfield Code of Ordinances relating to building construction fees, as recommended by the Assistance Building Official in his memorandum dated Mach 15, 2002.

So passed unanimously.

4. Issues Regarding the UConn Landfill Including the UConn Consent Order, Public Participation Relative to the Consent Order and Well Testing.

Town Manager reported that there was a meeting held on April 4, 2002 at the Friends MeetingHouse, which discussed public involvement to review recommendations. About 40 person attended the meeting. There will be more future open meetings.

I. NEW BUSINESS

5. Environmental Impact Evaluation for UConn Greek Campus Housing, Central Dining Services.

No action needed by the Town Council. Staff will prepare report for future consideration by the Town Council and the Planning and zoning Commission.

6. Application to Historic Documents Preservation Grant Program

Mr. Schaefer moved and Mr. Rosen seconded to adopt the following resolution:

Resolved, that Martin H. Berliner, Town Manager, is empowered to execute in the name of and on behalf of this municipality, an application and contract with the State Library for a Historic Preservation Grant in the amount of \$5,000, and to receive grant funds for that purpose.

So passed unanimously.

7. CCM Intervention in DPUC Rate-setting for Municipal Purchase of Streetlights

Mr. Rosen moved and Mr. Haddad seconded to authorize the Town Manager to express the Town's interest in participating in the mutual financing of CCM's intervention in the DPUC's rate setting for the municipal purchase of streetlights.

Motion so passed unanimously.

8. CCM Amicus Curiae-Granite State Outdoor Advertising v. Zoning Board of Stamford

Mr. Haddad moved and Mr. Stallard seconded to refer CCM's request to support its amicus curiae intervention in the case of Granite State Outdoor Advertising v. Zoning Board of Stamford to the Planning and Zoning Commission for its review and recommendation.

Motion so passed. Mr. Holinko abstained.

9. Maple Road Reconstruction Project

Mr. Stallard moved and Mr. Rosen seconded to authorize the Town Manager to communicate to the State Department of Transportation the Town's support of moving the Maple Road Reconstruction Project forward to the final design stage.

So passed unanimously.

10. Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Program- Housing Rehabilitation Revolving Loan Program

Mr. Haddad moved and Mr. Stallard seconded to authorize the Town Manager to submit a pre-application to the Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Program to continue the Town's Housing Rehabilitation Revolving Loan Program.

So passed unanimously.

11. Deferred Compensation for Town Manager

Mr. Rosen moved and Mr. Schaefer seconded to amend the Town Council pension agreement in the year 2000 that provides Town Manager, Martin H. Berliner, with an additional \$7,500 per year for a three year period. In order to reflect recent changes in the tax code, the Council authorizes increased payments of \$12,000 during calendar year 2002 and \$13,000 during calendar year 2003.

Motion so passed. Voting in opposition: Mr. Bellm, Mr. Hawkins, Mr. Holinko

VII. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Mr. Schaefer requested that minutes of various boards and committees use full names of

persons in their minutes.

VIII. REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

None

IX. REPORTS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

None

X. TOWN MANAGERS REPORT

Community Center Project has begun. Presently the water pipes are being laid from Rte. 195 back to the site through the employees' parking lot. Consequently lot is closed which makes parking difficult. Site work is coming along and blasting will continue for another week. Groundbreaking Ceremony will be on April 26 at 5:00 p.m.

Two of our Resident Troopers have been promoted to Sergeant and have left Mansfield. William Braithwaite and Sean Cox have served our municipality well during their years of service.

There is a Town/Gown Meeting at the UConn Public Safety complex on Tuesday, April 9, 2002.

There will be a budget meeting on Wednesday

XI. FUTURE AGENDAS

For discussion at next meeting-the bill concerning revisions to the Connecticut Environmental Policy Act.

For discussion at next meeting- the bill giving the University of Connecticut additional funds for UConn 21st Century.

Volunteer incentive program for the Fire Department.

XII. PETITIONS, REQUESTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

12. R. Miller, Eastern Highlands Health District re: Four Corner Area Monitoring
13. L. Schilling re: Stadium Road Detention Basin Storm Water Sampling Report
14. Mid-Northeast Recycling Operating Committee re: New DEP Regulations
15. "An Act Concerning Revisions to the Connecticut Environmental Policy Act"
16. State Department of Education-"The Board Report"
17. G. Padick re: 2003 Plan of Conservation and Development Update
18. CT Historical Commission re: Jacobson(Farwell) Barn Stabilization

XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Not needed.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

At 8:48 p.m. Mr. Stallard moved and Mr. Schaefer seconded to adjourn the meeting.

So passed unanimously.

Elizabeth Paterson, Mayor

Joan E. Gerdson, Town Clerk